

BISHOPSGATE
INSTITUTE

WEDDINGS & CELEBRATIONS





A WEDDING TO REMEMBER

The first decision has been made: you're getting married in style in Central London. You venture onto Google to begin researching venues. The choices stretch before you: new browser tabs become multiple browser windows, but as your laptop heats up from the exertion, you don't feel any closer to finding the perfect venue.

You want to celebrate somewhere photogenic, extraordinary, and easy for you and your guests to get to. Better yet, the perfect venue would not just be practical and pretty, but meaningful in its ethos and values.

WHY BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE?

Bishopsgate Institute is a beautiful setting for any wedding celebration, rich in history and atmosphere. Our Grade II* listed building is brimming with Victorian architectural charm, social value and compelling human stories.

Located in one of Central London's most delightful corners, the Institute's iconic façade is nestled between the gleaming historic financial district and the dynamic buzz of East London. A two-minute walk from Liverpool Street Station (served by rail, Underground, Overground and Elizabeth lines), we're on the doorstep of Shoreditch, Spitalfields, and the best of London's food and culture.

We have stunning, flexible spaces to meet the needs of any couple and celebration, from micro-weddings to celebrations comprising up to 400 guests. Each space offers its own unique atmosphere, and our experienced Events team is here to make all the decisions leading up to your special day easy and enjoyable.



Top Image: Staircase leading to Upper Hall, © Dan Weill
Bottom image: Library laid out for seated dinner,
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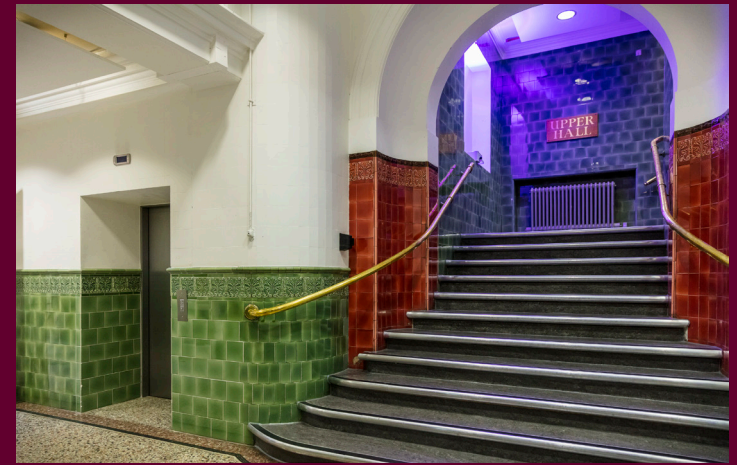
For 130 years, a deep-seated love of learning, performance and human stories has run through the heart of Bishopsgate Institute.

Our Archives and Special Collections celebrate trailblazers who have strived for social and political change. Books, pamphlets, photographs and a wide range of ephemera bring London's history to life, and we hold the UK's largest LGBTQIA+ collection.

We are proud to be an inclusive venue that welcomes all couples to celebrate their love.

Our work as a charity is centred on spotlighting the lives of everyday, extraordinary people.

By holding your wedding here, your celebration will join that legacy. Celebrations like yours also help us continue our work as a charity, providing accessible learning experiences and collecting, treasuring and sharing hidden stories.



Images (clockwise from top left):
 Architecture of Bishopsgate Institute exterior by Charles Harrison Townsend, 1894. © Dan Weill
 Staircase leading to Upper Hall, © Dan Weill
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 Bishopsgate Institute Great Hall. © Dan Weill
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GREAT HALL

The Great Hall offers a versatile ballroom space for a larger ceremony or seated dinner.

The spacious floor, stage and state-of-the-art sound and lighting equipment is used for regular social dancing events even to this day. There is truly nowhere better for your guests to dance the night away. The room is large and welcoming, perfectly equipped for wedding ceremonies, seated dinners, and live performances.



Images (clockwise from top):

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Ground floor

Licensed ceremony: 300 people

Standing reception: 400 people

Seated dinner: 150 people

Prices from £4,250 + VAT

LIBRARY

Our Victorian library provides a quiet, cosy setting for a smaller ceremony or elegant reception.

The walls are lined with polished wooden shelves holding leather-bound tomes which comprise our social history archive. The breathtaking stained-glass skylights and beautiful hanging lights create a truly special atmosphere for intimate celebrations.

Ground floor

Licensed ceremony: 60 people

Standing reception: 60 people

Seated dinner: 25 people

Prices from £1,650 + VAT



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UPPER HALL

The Upper Hall, flooded with natural light from expansive windows, is an elegant and versatile location for a daytime ceremony.

The spacious, gallery-style environment is the perfect choice for ceremonies, drinks receptions or a wedding breakfast for up to 220 guests. It is particularly suited to couples who are looking for a more aesthetically neutral space they can transform to reflect their taste.



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First floor

Licensed ceremony: 60 people
Standing reception: 220 people
Seated dinner: 120 people

Prices from £2,800 + VAT

SUPPLIERS

We know that planning a wedding is an exciting opportunity to craft your perfect day.

Our friendly, dedicated Events team is here to make your preparations smooth and stress-free. We know the importance of attention to detail, and we want to make sure every element of your special day is considered.

To make your decision-making as easy as possible, we have curated a list of approved suppliers, which you can find [here](#).

This directory has been carefully put together to select the best vendors from our local area, reflecting our values and providing the best possible service for your special day. Together, we'll create a bespoke celebration that's perfectly you.

We are happy to provide recommendations for wedding planners, celebrants and other suppliers as part of our consultation process.

Please speak to our Events team to learn more.



LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

We are located just two minutes' walk from Liverpool Street Station.

Parking in the area is restricted. Taxis may drop off passengers on Brushfield Street immediately outside the side entrance (with step-free access). This is a no-through road. The nearest City of London taxi rank is in Liverpool Street station by platform 10.

Accessibility information for all rooms is available on our [website](#). For more information, please speak to our Events team.

Nearby photogenic locations include Brushfield Street, Christ Church Spitalfields and Bishops Square.



FAQS

I'd like to visit Bishopsgate Institute and tour the spaces for myself. How do I arrange this?

If you're considering choosing Bishopsgate Institute as the venue for your wedding, we'd love to welcome you for a tour. Please contact our Events team to arrange your visit.

Are you licensed for civil ceremonies?

Yes, all three of these spaces are licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships. To book your registrar, please contact Islington Council directly or book an appointment via their [Registration Service page](#).

Can I hire more than one space for my wedding?

Yes. Please speak to our Events team to discuss your requirements, and they will be happy to put together a bespoke wedding package for you.

Are there minimum and maximum sizes of wedding celebrations that can be held at Bishopsgate Institute?

The maximum capacities for each space are stated on their respective pages. We set no restrictions on minimum party sizes.

If you are planning a micro-wedding (50 or fewer guests), please let our Events team know so that we can help to tailor your wedding package accordingly.

Can we use our own suppliers?

We have worked hard to curate a list of the very best suppliers, which you can find [here](#). Their high-quality service and familiarity with Bishopsgate Institute will ensure that your special day is realised to the highest possible standard. If you would like to involve a specific supplier who is not included in our directory, please speak to our Events team.

What's included in the hire fee?

Inclusive hire of each space includes:

- In-house furniture
- Experienced Bishopsgate Institute staff on hand throughout the day
- PA system and microphones
- In-house pre-set lighting, disco ball and uplighters (Great Hall only)
- Electric piano
- Separate room for hair & makeup relaxed breakout space for small group

Extras including additional hire hours are available for a surcharge; more information is available on request.

Can we have balloons, candles and/or confetti?

To protect our Grade II* listed building, we cannot allow confetti, helium balloons, smoke machines, haze, naked flames or rose petals within the building. For the full list of prohibited items, please speak to our Events team.

CONTACT US

Please get in touch with our
dedicated Events team to
discuss your wedding today.
We'd love to hear from you.

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Bishopsgate Institute is a registered charity. When you hire a space with us, you're supporting a cultural hub for the community. You're making it possible for us to keep our building open to all – and buzzing with accessible, creative classes and events.

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